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**REMARKS****1. Claims Amendments.**

Claims 1, 18 and 19 have been amended to make it clear that the coating is hydrophilic.

Claim 2 has been amended for clarity.

Claims 9 and 13 have been amended to make it clear that the coated substrate consists essentially of the substrate and the coating.

Claims 24-25 are new claims within the scope of Claim 1 and the Specification as originally filed.

No new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

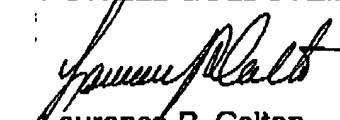
**2. The Claims Are Not Anticipated By Or Obvious In View Of US Patent No. 5629073 To Lovell**

Claims 1-5 and 7-23 continue to be rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by US Patent No. 5629073 to Lovell (Lovell '073), and Claims 13, 18, and 23 continue to be rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious in view of Lovell '073, for the reasons set forth in the Office Action dated 9 January 2006. In view of the claim amendments, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that the patent application is in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully requests such action. If the Commissioner or the Examiner has any questions that can be resolved over the telephone, please contact the below signed attorney of record.

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